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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN LWTI

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 6582

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENGR, ELTN, JO, SA, LE, US

SUBJECT: TAPLINE PROBLEM: GOL TECHNICAL TEAM

REF: BEIRUT 6113; JIDDA 3617

1. ASKED ABOUT CURRENT SITUATION, DODGE, TAPLINE, BEIRUT, SAID IT APPEARS THAT THREE-MAN GOL TECHNICAL TEAM MAY SUCCEED IN ARRANGING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABI NEXT FEW DAYS. SAUDI AMBASSADOR HERE AND LEBANESE AMBASSADOR JIDDA ENDEAVORING MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF GOL FINANCE DG KHALIL SALEM, OIL MINISTRY FINANCIAL EXPERT RAYMOND HITTI AND ISSAM ACHOUR, BANKER-ECONOMIST OVERSEEING FORMER IPC RPT IPC OPERATIONS FOR GOL. (COMMENT: THESE ARE GOL'S MOST COMPETENT.) PRIMARY PURPOSE WOULD BE DEMONSTRATE GOL INTEREST IN RESOLVING PROBLEM BUT TEAM WOULD ALSO HOPE REVIEW PROBLEM WITH SAG OIL MINISTRY (YAMANI IF AVAILABLE) AND POSSIBLY FOREIGN MINISTER. DODGE ADDED THAT IT IS HOPED SEND MINISTERIAL TEAM SOON AFTER A NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED.

2. REGARDING TAPLINE STAFF REDUCTION, DODGE SAID GOL (PRESIDENT PRESUMABLY) STILL "EXPECTS TAPLINE TO DO NOTHING", PER BEIRUT 6113. (FEW DAYS AGO DODGE HAD SAID "CRUNCH MAY COME THIS MONDAY")  
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REGARDING STAFF.) HE UNABLE BE MORE SPECIFIC TODAY

BUT HAS PROMISED KEEP US INFORMED.

COMMENT: COMMON GOL TACTIC REGARDING THESE PROBLEMS IS SHOW  
OF ACTIVITY AND ASSURANCES ACTION IMMINENT. DODGE, HOWEVER,  
BELIEVES GOL MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT ARRANGE VISIT PARA ONE. AT  
THIS WRITING THERE EVEN CHANCE CURRENT POLITICAL AND SECURITY  
UNCERTAINTIES MIGHT DELAY VISIT BUT MIGHT ALSO DISSUADE TAPLINE  
FROM GOING AHEAD WITH STAFF REDUCTION AT THIS TIME.  
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